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Cc: Dianna Kile; Tom Lizardo; Penny Langford; Tex Ann Chance
Subject: RE: RIN 1901-AB21 Comments on Proposed Loan Guarantee Program Rules

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Samuel W. Bodman
Secretary of Energy
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RE: RIN 1901-AB21 Comments on Proposed Loan Guarantee Program Rules

Dear Secretary Bodman,

The Bay City Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture strongly request your support for this Loan Guarantee Program. We know the need for power is growing every month. We have worked hard to make sure we have the power that we will need in the future. Everything rides on the lights coming on when we go for the switch.

Our economic engine depends on power. The Nuclear power plants are huge dollar investments and we support this option to keep our lakes, rivers and bays clean. We have one of the most ecological sensitive areas in the nation and we plan on keeping it that way.

Our Chamber worked hard in the last Legislative session to help bring these power plants to Texas. We see the need for this program and ask that part of our tax dollars be spent in this fashion.

In Matagorda County we had an unemployment rate of 14 percent just 3 years ago. This was unacceptable to us. We didn't run to the federal government or state government for a bail out. We rolled up our sleeves and went to work on improving our conditions. Now everyday we are pushing for industry to relocate to our community.

Your help in bringing new power on line for our future is essential for us to continue our climb.

Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can help you in this endeavor.

Thanks for all you do for our nation.

Sincerely,

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